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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## **HAMILTON COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR CROSS COUNTRY MARIJUANA CONSPIRACY**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Timothy M. Morrison, Temporary Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JOHN O'TOOLE, 61, of Fishers, Indiana, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to one count of Possession With Intent to Distribute 100 Kilograms Or More Of Marijuana.

The charge against O'TOOLE arose out of joint investigation conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Hamilton County Drug Task Force.

According to the evidence at today's hearing O'TOOLE and other individuals were involved in transporting large amounts of marijuana from California to Indiana inside various vehicles including a recreational vehicle.

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In October of 2004, law enforcement agents seized over four hundred (400) pounds of marijuana from an RV that O'TOOLE was driving. The investigation revealed that O'TOOLE was responsible for bringing a total of over 700 pounds of marijuana from California to Indiana, where it was eventually distributed.

O'TOOLE, who was previously convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana in United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana in 1992, received an enhanced sentence as a result of the prior conviction.

According to Barry D. Glickman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton imposed 8 years supervised release following O'TOOLE'S release from imprisonment.

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